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**MANDATORY DELIVERY OF SHIP-GENERATED WASTES AND
ALL CARGO RESIDUES IN PORTS OF THE BALTIC SEA AREA**

Communication from the Helsinki Commission

- 1 A communication has been received from the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (Helsinki Commission) on the entry into force on 1 July 2000 of mandatory requirements for the delivery of ship-generated wastes to port reception facilities in ports of the Baltic Sea Area.
- 2 As requested by the Helsinki Commission, the above communication is attached herewith for the attention of Member States and observer organizations.

HELSINKI COMMISSION
Baltic Marine Environment
Protection Commission



15 June 2000

Mr. William A. O'Neil
Secretary-General
International Maritime Organization

Re. Entry into force of mandatory delivery requirement in the Baltic Sea Area

Sir,

On behalf of the Contracting Parties, i.e. Denmark, Estonia, European Commission, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Sweden, to the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1992 (the 1992 Helsinki Convention), I would like to inform you as follows:

As part of a Baltic Strategy for Port Reception Facilities for Ship-generated Wastes and Associated Issues, the Contracting Parties to the 1992 Helsinki Convention have adopted a new Regulation 7 to Annex IV "Prevention of Pollution from Ships" of the 1992 Helsinki Convention. This new Regulation 7 enters into force on 1 July 2000 and obliges ALL ships, before leaving a Baltic port, to deliver:

- all ship-generated wastes which are not allowed to be discharged into the Baltic Sea in accordance with the 1992 Helsinki Convention and MARPOL 73/78; and
- all cargo residues in accordance with MARPOL 73/78.

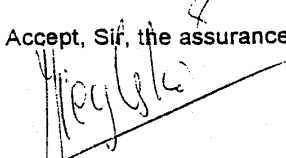
Exempted from the requirement of mandatory delivery are "minor amounts of wastes" which are unreasonable to discharge to port reception facilities.

To ensure a harmonized and effective implementation of the requirement of mandatory delivery the Contracting Parties have agreed on the following criteria to quantify "minor amounts of wastes":

- Minor amounts in relation to delivery of oil or oily mixtures from ship's machinery space wastes oil tanks: 25% of the storage capacity, taking into account the special situation of ships with small capacities of the storage tanks.
- Minor amounts in relation to delivery of garbage, excluding food wastes: All collected garbage ready for delivery at the time of departure must be delivered.
- Minor amounts in relation to delivery of cargo residues from ship's cargo tanks are not applicable as:
 - apart from the situations described in Regulations 8 (2) (b) and 8 (6) (b) and (c) of Annex II of MARPOL 73/78, all pre-washes from category A and B noxious liquid substances, as well as
 - pumpable oil cargo residues available for delivery at the time of departure must be delivered.

I would kindly ask you to bring this to the attention of the IMO Member States and Observer Organizations.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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